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SUBJ: FOREIGN BUYER PROGRAM: ING. ROMERO DE LA VEGA, COQUIVACOA C.A.

1. ING. RODOLFO ROMERO DE LA VEGA, DIRECTOR-PRESIDENT OF CENTRO CIVICO COQUIVACOA C.A., A MUNICIPAL COMPANY IN MARACAIBO, INFORMED EMBASSY HE PLANS TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES FROM JULY 5 TO 8 AND WOULD LIKE TO VISIT CIVIC CENTERS IN U.S. EAST COAST, PREFERABLY NEW YORK CITY, WASHINGTON AND MIAMI. HE IS SPECIFICALLY INTERESTED IN CONTACTS WITH OFFICIALS OR REPRESENTATIVES OF COMPANIES IN CHARGE OF THE ORGANIZATION, EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF CIVIC CENTERS. HE IS ALSO INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF COMPANIES WHICH HAVE PROVIDED SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT TO CIVIC CENTERS. ING. ROMERO DE LA VEGA NOT INTERESTED IN A&E ASSISTANCE FOR THIS PROJECT.

2. CENTRO CIVICO COQUIVACOA C.A. IS PROMOTING A 36,800 SQUARE METER CIVIC CENTER WHICH WILL HAVE
(A) A SHOPPING CENTER,
(B) A SPORTS AND CULTURAL CENTER TO HOLD ACTIVITIES SUCH AS EXPOSITIONS, DANCING, CONFERENCES, SWIMMING, TENNIS, FENCING, GYMNASTICS, BASKETBALL AND VOLLEYBALL, (C) A CONVENTION CENTER WITH FACILITIES FOR RECORDING, SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION, AUDIO VISUAL AND CLOSE CIRCUIT,
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(D) A 350 ROOM HOTEL (TO BE RUN BY MELIA OF SPAIN)
(E) A MUNICIPAL THEATER WITH A CAPACITY FOR 2,200 PERSONS
(F) A 100,000 VOLUME MUNICIPAL LIBRARY, (G) A PROFESSIONAL OFFICE CENTER,
(H) A PUBLIC AND MUNICIPAL OFFICE CENTER; SQUARE, A RECREATION CENTER, AND PARKING FACILITIES.

3. ESTIMATED COST OF CENTER IS APPROXIMATELY \$70 MILLION.
CONSTRUCTION FIRM FOR PROJECT WILL BE PICKED BY NATIONAL PUBLIC BID
(LIMITED TO VENEZUELAN FIRMS), THERE IS POSSIBILITY THAT FOREIGN
FIRMS COULD PARTICIPATE IN BID VIA CONSORTIA WITH LOCAL FIRMS,
PREFERABLY WITH THOSE WORKING IN THE MARACAIBO AREA. CONSTRUCTION
SCHEDULED TO START BY THE END OF THIS YEAR.

4. PLEASE ADVISE EMBASSY AND AMERICAN CONSULATE IN MARACAIBO OF
SUITABLE CONTACTS FOR ROMERO.
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